

## BRIEFING NOTE

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Fazal Khan, Registrar, CEO

**DATE:** May 30, 2022

**SUBJECT:** 6.0 Non-Insured Health Benefit Program

☐ For Decision

☒ For Information

☐ Monitoring Report

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**Purpose:**

To share the findings of a high-level environmental scan of stakeholder experiences with the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) and to discuss opportunities for future involvement.

**Background:**

In Fall 2021, board and appointed members participated in a training session with Dr. Bernice Downey on Indigenous Cultural Safety and Humility. During that session, various members identified the NIHB program as a potential barrier to equitable health care for Indigenous patients. Anecdotal reports of difficulty for patients and providers accessing the program prompted the COO to seek more information and determine if there was a role for the college to play in improving health outcomes for Indigenous patients accessing this program. This aligns with the College's strategic commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion as well as cultural safety and humility.

The COO engaged Counsel Public Affairs, a firm specializing in Government Relations, to conduct an initial national environmental scan to better understand how the program was administered, the experiences of stakeholders as well as opportunities to improve the administration of the program.

Next steps will include approaching other health regulatory colleges, including NACOR members, to gauge interest in working jointly and share cost going forward.

**For Consideration:**

The Counsel representative will share the findings of the initial environmental scan and identify any opportunities for regulators to advocate for positive change.

**Action Required:**

For information only.